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he was the local director of the GESELLSCHAFT FUER PFLEGE DER KULTURWELLEN UND WIRTSCHAFTLICHEN BEZIEHUNGEN ZWISCHEN OESTERREICH UND USSR (Association for the Cultivation of Cultural and Economic Relations Between Austria and the USSR) with headquarters in Palais Coburg, Vienna I, Seilerstrasse 1. Other colleagues of this organization named by LEBISSCHAK were Professor (Inn) WOTKOFF, Vienna, and Professor (Inn) WEILLER, Tulln Realgymnasium. SUBJECT was assigned the responsibility of visiting the Burgemeisters of all the towns in Lower Austria and making the necessary arrangements for the presentation of an A. S. Pushkin Exhibition (Works of the noted Soviet poet) in every large school. For this service, SUBJECT received 50 schillings a day which included traveling expenses.

During the following weeks, LEBISSCHAK accompanied SUBJECT so that he would be properly oriented in his new duties. On 10 May 1950, upon contacting the Bezirkshauptmann (town administrator) in Krems, Lower Austria, they were informed that the exhibition was a Communist propaganda feature and that it would not be displayed in the schools of Krems. LEBISSCHAK, accompanied by SUBJECT, thereupon proceeded to the local Soviet Kommandatura. Upon presenting his identification card, which SUBJECT did not see, LEBISSCHAK was treated with special courtesy by the Soviet official, and his problem was quickly settled when the Soviet Kommandatura called the Bezirkshauptmann and ordered him to place the exhibition on display.

During the holiday season, 1-4 June 1950, LEBISSCHAK invited SUBJECT to accompany him on a pleasure trip to Vienna. While in Vienna, LEBISSCHAK took SUBJECT to the Bellaria Soviet Kommandatura where he introduced SUBJECT to Lt. General DOMININ, Soviet officer (about 35, 5'7", 165 lbs.; black hair, ruffled; slender build; drives blue Skoda), who was referred to as a cultural officer. LEBISSCHAK told SUBJECT to contact DOMININ, should any difficulties be encountered in presenting the Pushkin exhibition in the towns surrounding metropolitan Vienna. SUBJECT was then taken to the Palais Coburg, a Soviet social club in Vienna, where he was introduced to the following persons:

(Professor) Robert BLECHSTEINER, 60, Volkenkunde Museum (Museum of Peoples History), Tel. A-35447, Vienna I, Hofburg Palace; liaison official between Soviets and Austrian KPOe.

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Viktor AKA Matzka, Theo (Dr.)  
Dr. Georg KAREN, Staatsrat, associate of BLEICHSTEINER.

Dr. ERNST MERTEN, 40; height, 168-170 cm; build, heavy;  
former cultural director of the "Oesterreichische Zeitung";  
former Major in the Soviet Army.

(Dr.) Georg C. KAREN, film producer, Vienna IX, Mollnargasse  
35/6, Tel. A-18061 (address of his mother); currently residing in  
Berlin-Babelsberg, where he is associated with DEFA (DEUTSCH FILM  
AKTIONSGESELLSCHAFT, German film organization), which is Soviet-  
sponsored; prominent cultural advisor to the SED and member of the  
KPOs Central Committee.

(Dr. Edmund HECK, Prag III, Wasilarake 43, Tel. 29051, Czech  
Newsreel Service; Vienna address, Singerstrasse 6, Tel. R-21226.

In July 1950, SUBJECT was visiting his mother in Salzburg,  
and by chance met Lt. Sergie DOMININ, dressed in civilian clothes.  
DOMININ was very hospitable and entertained SUBJECT in a local cafe.  
On 15 January 1951, SUBJECT was sent to Klosterneuburg, to put on  
the above-mentioned exhibition, but was denied permission by Schu-  
rat P. SIMMER, at Langstogergasse 25. SUBJECT telephoned DOMININ  
at the Bellaria, but was referred to the Kommandatura in Kloster-  
neuburg, where Lt. DOMININ had recently been installed as Kommando-  
tura Officer. After being informed of this incident, DOMININ im-  
mediately called SIMMER and ordered him to display the exhibition.  
That evening SUBJECT was invited as a guest of DOMININ to visit the  
Soviet social club, Palais Coburg. DOMININ drank heavily until late  
in the evening when he appeared to be quite intoxicated. In a  
conversation with SUBJECT over the Korean War, DOMININ pointed out  
the strength of the North Korean forces in their most recent offen-  
sive against the United Nations forces. When SUBJECT doubted DOM-  
ININ's intimate knowledge of the strength of these Communist forces,  
DOMININ became infuriated and in a sudden fit of rage threw his  
glass against the wall and exclaimed, "Why shouldn't I know! I'm  
the NKVD." Immediately thereafter, two officers sitting near by  
picked up DOMININ and carried him out of the room. Following this  
scene, another patron, Gerhard HEMELDT, Muenchen, Thierschstrasse,  
an announcer for the Bayrische Rundfunk (Bavarian radio station)  
came over to SUBJECT and stated that DOMININ was remembered as a  
member of the Soviet Repatriation Mission, at Dachau, Germany, from  
1946 to 1948. On the next day DOMININ called SUBJECT and inquired  
if he (DOMININ) had said anything unusual the night before. SUB-  
JECT assured DOMININ that he could not recall very much of their

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conversation, since he himself was also somewhat inebriated. This reply seemed to relieve DOMININ's anxiety.

On 9 February 1951, SUBJECT reported to LEBISSLCHAK, and remarked about DOMININ's excessive drinking. LEBISSLCHAK became somewhat concerned and inquired if DOMININ, while inebriated, had discussed his work with SUBJECT. Upon receiving a negative reply, LEBISSLCHAK severely criticized DOMININ for his excessive drinking, and stated that in view of his important position and that both DOMININ and he were "brothers" (Austrian idiom which indicates membership or participation in the same organization), he felt very much concerned about him. SUBJECT was then invited to have lunch at LEBISSLCHAK's home. While they were sitting in the living room, a Soviet officer (nu), who was recognized as the Kommandatura officer at Krems, came into the house and left a large loose-leaf notebook with LEBISSLCHAK before departing. LEBISSLCHAK laid the notebook on a table and went into the kitchen for a few moments. SUBJECT, being somewhat curious, quickly scanned the contents and noted that it contained political reports from the Communist Party of Salzburg, as well as other towns in the Soviet Zone of Austria. It also included a local situation report from the Krems Kommandatura. SUBJECT was unable to learn more about the contents of the notebook because LEBISSLCHAK returned suddenly from the kitchen and carried the notebook away. In view of previous events, SUBJECT came to the conclusion that LEBISSLCHAK is probably an important Soviet intelligence agent who correlates reports of other Soviet intelligence agents operating in the Soviet Zone of Austria.

Information which LEBISSLCHAK had revealed about himself to SUBJECT is as follows:

Vassiliy SOTSCHEN alias Johannes LEBISSLCHAK p: 8  
Date of birth: Unknown; age approximately 40-42  
Place of birth: Ukraine  
Nationality: Ukrainian  
Citizenship: Austrian  
Occupation: Language teacher  
Marital status: Married to Ella nee DROMMER, German national,  
at Lemberg, Poland  
Children: Girl (nu); age 13; boy (nu), age 8  
Description: Height, 5'8"; weight, 176 lbs; medium build;  
black hair, combed back, part line on right  
side; dark bushy eyebrows; occasionally wears  
glasses

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Present address: St. Poelten, Marshal Platz 8/II, Tel.  
St. Poelten 371

Identity documents: Possesses an Austrian Identity Card

LEBISSCHAK was reportedly a member of the Soviet Army. In 1939 while stationed in Lemberg, Poland, he was taken prisoner by the German Army. After being interned for an unknown period, LEBISSIONAK was released to join General (fmu) VLASSOV's Army as an interpreter. In 1943 he was arrested by the Gestapo, who suspected him of working for the Soviet partisans. He was imprisoned by the Gestapo at the Alexanderplatz, Berlin, and later sent to a concentration camp in Melnik, CSR. At the end of World War II, LEBISSIONAK went to St. Poelten as an Austrian citizen and assumed his present position with the Soviets in the fall of 1946.

In the course of his association with LEBISSIONAK, SUBJECT noted in LEBISSIONAK's office the names and background data of the following persons. It was not ascertained whether LEBISSIONAK actually maintained contact with or merely recorded background data on these persons. (AGENT'S NOTE: SUBJECT himself attributed some of the background data which he had accumulated as a result of his former connections with the VDU).

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SACHS Fred (Fritz) 37; height, 178 cm; weight, unknown; slender build; dark brown hair; knife scar on right side of neck; divorced; resides with a woman six years older than himself, in Innsbruck, Muellerstrasse 20, Tel. 71135; former artillery major in the 212th Volks. Grenadier. Division, German Army. Following the war SACHS was assigned by the French Army to a unit engaged in deactivating land mines. Through this employment he came into contact with the French Deuxieme Bureau (intelligence). He is currently employed as a chauffeur for the French Forces in Innsbruck. (AGENT'S NOTE: SACHS is reportedly acquainted with FRANK, BOLSCHWING, EYCK, BETSCHAU and LAHOUSEN, named in this report).

BOLSCHWING (fmu), alias GOLLER, GOHLA, 40; slender build; blond hair; currently registered under the name GOHLA in Gmunden, Austria; former SS lieutenant colonel in the SD (Sicherheit Dienst) on Himmler's staff; frequently seen visiting the Villa "Mittzi" in Plomberg/Mondsee, Seizkammer Gut (residence of Madame (fmu) JANETTE, French national who resides most of the time in Paris). He was known to have remarked to friends that he was employed by CIO Gmunden from 1945-47, and that from 1948-49, he was acquainted with S/A (fmu).

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STERNEBERG, who resided at the Hotel Bristol, Salzburg.

BITSCHAAU (fmu), 42, businessman, resides in Innsbruck. He was one of the original organizers and leaders of the VDV (League of Independents); is reportedly acquainted with many French Army personnel who patronize the Cafe Francais, adjacent to the Innsbruck Landes Theater. (AGENT'S NOTE: BITSCHAAU is reportedly acquainted with SACHS, FRANK, BOLSCHWING, WINKLER and EICHSTEINER.

BAUMANN Vera, 50; height, 170 cm; weight, 130; gray-brown hair; resides DP camp Parsch/Salzburg, Gaisbergstrasse Barracks 6. She is a white Russian emigrant who has resided in Jugoslavia from 1918-1941, at which time she moved to Austria. She has resided in Salzburg since 1945. Two of her sons are reportedly residing in Argentina. BAUMANN, a known black market operator, is believed to be a member of the Communist Party. In January 1951, she stated that unknown thieves had stolen approximately 10,000 schillings from her barracks. BAUMANN maintains contacts with many girls who are acquainted with US Army personnel in the Salzburg area. She has been known to travel to Trieste, Italy and St. Johann/Pongau, Land Salzburg, where she claims to have some Jugoslavian friends.

FRANK Josef Maria, 50; height, 180 cm; slender build, journalist; resides at Hechtsee/Kufstein (US-French zonal border). From 1930-38, employed as a journalist for Associated Press in China. From 1938-45, he was employed by the Universal Film Aktion GESELLSCHAFT (German Movie Company). In 1945, FRANK was appointed press minister for Tyrol, by the French Military Government. In 1946, he attempted to acquire chemicals such as anilin, indigo, butanin and karosin, from the former IG FARben Trust in Germany for sale to his friends in South America. Although apprehended by the French, he was eventually cleared of all charges by US Military Government officials in Munich. FRANK has written over 30 books on China, South Seas, etc. In 1947, under an assumed name, he wrote many articles about his travels in various German, French and Italian newspapers. He is supposedly the owner of a sugar plantation in Cuba.

FRITZ (fmu), 27-28; height, 173-174 cm; weight, 170-180 lbs; black graying hair; excellent piano player; residence believed to be St. Poelten, Austria. Employed by the Central Direktion of Austrian Railways. FRITZ is a friend of LEFISCHAK's sister-in-law, (fmu) DROMMER.

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LAHOUSSEN (fma), General, formerly of the German Abwehr Dienst, who served as an assistant to Admiral KANARIS. He was the source of several articles in the book "Geheime Front", by Walter HAGEN. In 1947-48, LAHOUSSEN resided in Tyrol. In 1950 he was reportedly seen in Munich.

WINKLER (fma) Dr., 45; height, 175-178 cm; heavy build; black hair; excellently dressed; residence at Schledming/Styria and at Markus/Salzburg, Sittikusstrasse 17-19. Reported to be an official of the German Abwehr at Belgrade during World War II. WINKLER was a member of the German resistance group which attempted to assassinate Hitler on 20 July 1944. Shortly thereafter, he escaped to Switzerland with the help of SS Major (fma) HOETTL. In Zurich, he met Allen Foster DULLES and together they co-authored a book entitled "Wieder Stand in Deutschland". Following the war he moved to Salzburg. Later he cooperated with SCHLAENDORF in writing the book "Offiziere Gegen Hitler". Being a friend of State Secretary Ferdinand GRAF (OeVP), he was sent to London in 1946, to assist in stabilizing the Austrian schilling. WINKLER has been used by the OeVP as an independent analyst of Austrian political and economic affairs. In this capacity he has acquired an intimate knowledge of the mechanics of government and its officials. He is reportedly acquainted with such German personalities as (fma) ERHARD, Minister of Economics; and Franz BLUETHER, Vice Chancellor and ERF Minister. WINKLER was one of the early organizers of the VdU, but left the Party after he could not agree with its principles.

Eva von KREOBER (KREOBER: REICHL), female, born 23 October 1910, Rhineland; height, 160 cm; weight, 60 kg; black hair, short-cropped; actress; currently residing in Berlin. Married to Ludwig KREOBER, until 1937 at which time she divorced him. KREOBER was reportedly acquainted with Lenin and became one of the first Communists in Germany. Later he became an adherent of the NSDAP. The couple were personal friends of Konstantin HIEKL, RAD Fuehrer, and Falder von SCHIRACH, NJ Fuehrer, and Statt Hailer of Vienna. The latter assisted EYCK in obtaining a position as an actress in the Vienna Burg Theater. In 1939 she married (fma) REICHL, who was an intimate friend of Professor Robert HEMICHTNER, a Communist. Through this association, EYCK and REICHL became Communist sympathizers. While in Vienna and until REICHL's death in October 1945, EYCK resided at Vienna I, Schulhof 4/II, c/o MESSNER. Following his death, EYCK returned to her mother's home in Goetzing/Voralberg. There she

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met HALLER (fnn), reportedly the underground chief of the Communist Party at Vorarlberg, who maintained liaison between the Swiss Party of Labor (Swiss Communist Party) and the Austrian Central Committee. Together with HALLER she founded the Association of Cultural and Economic relations between Austria and Soviet Russia in Vorarlberg. In 1946, she became the common-law wife of Richard WEGELEDER, stage manager of the Linzer Landes Theater. From 1947 to 1949, they resided at Salzburg, Bummelstrasse 2, c/o Professor STROHSCHNEIDER, after which EYCK returned to Vienna and participated in the movie "Ruf aus dem Aether", by G. C. KLAREN produced by Vienna Film Company AM ROSENBERG (Soviet controlled). In 1950 she returned to Innsbruck Landes Theater. (AGENT'S NOTE: EYCK is reportedly acquainted with FRANK, SACHS, MATEJKA, and is believed to have had sexual relations with BLEICHSTEINER.)

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Files of this Sub-Detachment contain SOI-V-11999, dated 5 May 1950, Subject: "KAUDER Richard - Suspected KIS Agent, Alleged Contact with Julius RAAB", which disclosed that a Karl H. NITSCHE, former functionary of the VdU in Salzburg, was submitting information to Richard KAUDER and OeVP Wirtschaftsbund candidate Dr. Ludo TONGIC. NITSCHE also maintained contact with Hans GOSTENSKI, a Salzburg merchant from whom he is allegedly receiving money, and Dr. Willfried BRAUNKIS, former State secretary (Salzburg) of the OeVP and secretary to Julius RAAB. (B-3)

Files of this Sub-Detachment contain numerous references to Professor Robert BLEICHSTEINER, Dr. Hugo HUPPERT, and Dr. Victor MATEJKA, Stadtrat (believed to be identical to the Dr. Theo MATEJKA, Stadtrat, mentioned in this report), as being on the General Secretariat staff of the Society for the Promotion of Cultural and Economic Relations with the USSR. Additional references list Dr. Hugo HUPPERT, Dr. Victor MATEJKA and Professor Robert BLEICHSTEINER as suspected Soviet agents.

SOI-V-671, dated 25 February 1948, Subject: "Possible Russian Agent Visiting Vienna", disclosed that a Johan LEBISCHTSCHAK, born 14 February 1909 in Krosno, Russia, a teacher of the Russian language at St. Poelten, possessing an Austrian identification card, No. 25481, has been known to remain overnight at the Christliche Hospiz, Vienna VIII, Längegasse 19, during his frequent visits to

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Vienna. The treasurer of the Verband Christlicher Hospiz, which owns the boarding house, was kidnapped by the Russians on 18 September 1947. In view of the out-of-the-way location of this establishment, the manager thereof asked LEBISCHTSCHAK how he had found the rooming house. LEBISCHTSCHAK stated that his brother-in-law, a medical doctor residing at Vienna VIII, Lange Gasse 11, had recommended the above quarters. A check at this address failed to disclose any such person as LEBISCHTSCHAK had named. (AGENT'S NOTE: It is believed that LEBISCHAK and LEBISCHTSCHAK are identical). (No evaluation)

V-MOC-2153, dated 3 July 1947, Subject: "Concealed Gold, Jewelry, Foreign Exchange and Weapons believed to be located in Salzammergut in Zeller See/Land Salzburg", in which it was disclosed that a Dr. Elfriede HOETTL, nee ZELLINGER, born 11 April 1912, wife of Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL, former SS Obersturmbannfuehrer in the RSHA-Amt VI-Nachrichtendienst im Ausland (Intelligence Service Abroad), interned in the Dachau Internment Camp, had knowledge of the location of Subject matter in May 1945, while residing at Ait Aussee No. 53, Upper Austria. (No evaluation)

V-301-345, dated 10 October 1947, Subject: "Austrian Intelligence Group, Hq, Innsbruck, Austria", in which it was disclosed that a Wolf BITSCHNAU, residing at Erzherzog Eugenstrasse 17, Innsbruck, Tyrol, was directing an Austrian Intelligence group which maintained contact with Karl Gruber, Austrian Foreign Minister. BITSCHNAU also claimed to be in contact with a US intelligence agency in Salzburg. (No evaluation)

Agent Report from 970th CIC Detachment, File IV-5537, dated 17 June 1948, Subject: "VAN EYCK Toni", in which it was disclosed that VAN EYCK, 36, occupation, actress at the Berlin Stadttheater, Vienna Burg Theater and the Innsbruck Landes Theater, was the founder of the "Association for the Economic and Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union", in Tyrol and Vorarlberg. VAN EYCK was also known to be an honorable member of the KPOe Central Committee and claimed to be acquainted with Nationalrat (Ernst) FISCHER, Chairman of the KPOe. She is reportedly married to Professor Dr. Robert BLEICHSTEINER, Director of the Volkerkunde Museum in Vienna. On 1 June 1948, while in an intoxicated condition, she was reported to have stated that she came to Innsbruck for the following reasons: (1) to increase the activities of the Communist functionaries in

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the Western Zone of Austria; (2) to improve and maintain liaison between the Communist Party in Northern Italy and the KPOe in the Western Zone of Austria; (3) to observe the activities of an unknown former German Abwehr officer who was a confirmed anti-Communist and was known to be employed in an important position with the French Intelligence in Tyrol, Austria. (C-4)

S-MOIC-6790, dated 10 March 1950, Subject: "Target List, Land Salzburg, January 1950", in which it was disclosed that Antchi Peter VAN EYCK, born 23 October 1910, residence Salzburg, Bummelstrasse 1, was a low-level Communist espionage agent.

Tony Van EYCK is @ of Anton Peter [No evaluation]

V-SOI-4754, dated 8 February 1949, Subject: Dr. Karl von WINKLER, Control Agent, Project Fort Worth", in which it was disclosed that SUBJECT was a friend of Dr. Wolfram BITSCHNAU, a self-admitted French intelligence agent who was at the same time employed by an unnamed US intelligence agency in Frankfurt. It was also revealed that the French Intelligence in Innsbruck were aware that a Dr. Wilhelm HOETTEL was working for a US intelligence organization in Upper Austria. (B-3)

V-SOI-7100, dated 12 August 1949, Subject: "Agents of Bureau of Documentation - Offices in Innsbruck, Land Tyrol", in which it was disclosed that an (fnu) SACHS, German national, former major in the German Army, is in the employ of Subject organization as a cut-out for an indigenous net. SACHS often travels to Salzburg as a French press agent in a car bearing US "C" license plates. (F-3)

S-MOIC-5471, dated 16 September 1949, Subject: "Proposed Anti-VdU Press Campaign", in which it was disclosed that a Dr. Wilhelm HOETTEL's activities for CIC were known to the Soviet Element.

V-MOIC-8392, dated 17 November 1949, Subject: "STRANCI Raimund", which lists a Major General Erwin LAHOUSEN, Seefeld, Land Tyrol, former chief of the German Counter Intelligence, Section II, as being in contact with the French Intelligence in the Tyrol area.

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